

# Dry Unit Hails Week-end Drive As Its Biggest

*News* ————— *9/30/29*  
**Six Stills, Two Breweries  
Seized in Move Against  
Jersey Rum Sources**

What attaches of state prohibition headquarters in the Industrial Office building call the largest successful offensive against sources of liquor in the history of the unit came to a close early this morning after constant activity since Saturday noon. Agents under direction of William J. Calhoun, administrator, and Walter E. Brown, assistant administrator in charge of enforcement, did the raiding. P.

The drive, which was characterized by prohibition officials as a plan "to break the weed at the root so that there won't be any leaves," resulted in the seizure of six stills, two wildcat breweries and a large mash plant.

The raids were the result of two weeks' intensive investigation. Under this method, the officials say, a maximum amount of work can be produced with a minimum number of agents. Two of the raids were in the vicinity of the shooting of the hi-jackers in Trenton last week, but officials refused to say whether they were connected with the shootings.

Officials report the price of alcohol in bootleg circles has risen from \$3.75 to \$5.50 a gallon wholesale.

## **New Bootleg Method.**

The raids disclosed a new method of operation in bootleg plants whereby mash is fermented in one place and transported to another site to be distilled. This reduced the activity around the still and lessened the chance for detection by federal agents. At the Peter Slicker farm in Ewing Township, Mercer County, the agents found 31,000 gallons of fermented sugar mash. Here they arrested William Leroy Cubberly of Brooklyn.

The last raid at 3:30 this morning at Preakness road, Wayne Township, disclosed a wildcat brewery. Jacob VanDyke was arrested and held in \$1,000 bond by United States Commissioner A. L. Friedmann.

## **Other Raids.**

Other raids reported over the week-end were:

Frederick street, Belleville, two 200-gallon stills and five five-gallon cans of alcohol, found in frame building; no arrests.

329 Pine street, Jersey City, thirty-gallon still and large quantity of mash seized; no arrests.

Costa farm, Allentown and Hightstown roads, Ehlers Corner, Mercer County, two 750-gallon copper stills, 500-gallon vat and fifty-gallon container of alcohol; man who gave name of Mike Lanagan of 260 Rutledge street, Brooklyn, arrested.

Tice farm, Woodcliff Lake, Bergen County, five 250-gallon vats of ale; no arrests.

Montville Township farm, whisky still with daily capacity of 1,000 gallons seized; Samuel Liara of Montville arrested as operator.

The report for the month, the first report of the unit under Mr. Calhoun, included seizure of thirty-one stills, twelve vehicles, three ale plants, four wildcat breweries and three freight cars with a total of 55,000 gallons of alcohol, 51,000 gallons of beer and ale and 210,000 gallons of mash which, figured on a ten per cent basis, would have yielded 21,000 additional gallons of alcohol. Eighty-one persons were arrested.